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TAGS: OVIP (HENRY A. KISSINGER)

SUBJECT: ANNOUNCEMENT OF KOREA VISIT

REF: PEKING 1427 (SECTO 156)

1. ROKG HAS BEEN UNDER SUSTAINED PRESSURE ALL DAY, NOT ONLY FROM ITS OWN PRESS BUT ALSO FROM FOREIGN REPORTERS BEGINNING TO ARRIVE IN SEOUL, TO CONFIRM PRESS REPORTS FROM PEKING CONCERNING SECRETARY'S VISIT. THURSDAY MORNING ANNOUNCEMENT, IT BELIEVES, IS NOW TOO LATE, AND BLUE HOUSE STRONGLY URGES ANNOUNCEMENT AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE ON THE FOURTEENTH.

2. ROKG REQUESTS MINOR MODIFICATION OF TEXT OF ANNOUNCEMENT TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY A. KISSINGER WILL VISIT SEOUL ON NOVEMBER 16 AT THE INVITATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA. DURING HIS STAY THE SECRETARY WILL CALL ON PRESIDENT PARK CHUNG HEE AND DISCUSS WITH HIM AND HIGH KOREAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST AND CONCERN. END QUOTE.

3. REQUEST FLASH AGREEMENT ON ANNOUNCEMENT TIME AND TEXT. I AGREE WITH ROKG VIEW THAT NEWS STORIES NOW RUNNING REQUIRE EARLIEST POSSIBLE PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT. OTHERWISE THEY ARE BEING PUT IN RIDICULOUS POSITION OF DENYING OR REFUSING TO COMMENT ON A STORY WHICH IS BEING ATTRIBUTED TO OFFICIAL US SOURCES AND WHICH HAS EMERGED WITHOUT ANY FAULT

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